

**MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2020**

The Environmental Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Meeting of the Commission in the Engineering Conference Room, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wong called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Wong led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Staff Tam called the roll:

Commissioners Present: Karl Wong, Shirley Hwong, Sam Cheung, Stephen Fong, and Kathy Ko

Commissioners Absent: None

Youth Advisors Present: Spencer Lin and Athena Flores

Youth Advisors Absent: None

ALSO PRESENT: Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam and Athens Services Director of Governmental Affairs Ed Chen

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

The Commission moved Item 3-B to be heard before Item 2-A.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

1. PRESENTATION

None.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2-A. SGV CLEAN AIR STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP UPDATE

Chair Wong stated that there are no updates on the program. The Asian Pacific Islander Forward Movement (APIFM) requested assistance in identifying facilities within the City to install the sensors.

2-B. EARTH DAY 2020 PREPARATION

Chair Wong distributed the Earth Day event preparation schedule and a list of exhibitors. The Commission also approved to purchase reusable totes and “Earth Day” T-shirts as giveaways at the event. The Commission requested for additional items for the festival: four chairs, two tables, and two tents. Principal Management Analyst Tam confirmed that BikeSGV will coordinate the bike rides and there are no changes to the bike routes. Youth Advisor Flores will oversee student volunteers’ orientation. Commissioner Ko stated that a letter was sent to Mayor Liang regarding tree planting at the Earth Day festival.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 14, 2020.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved the minutes from the regular meeting of January 14, 2020.

Motion: Co-Chair Hwong moved to approve the January 14, 2020 minutes and Commissioner Ko seconded, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Hwong, Wong, Cheung, Fong, and Ko

Noes: Commissioners: None

3-B. NEW ORGANIC WASTE LAWS

This item was heard before Item 2-A.

Athens Services Director of Governmental Affairs Ed Chen made a presentation on new organic waste laws. AB 1826 Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling (MORE) requires organics recycling services for certain commercial properties and multi-family dwellings of five or more units that generate large quantities of waste. New laws such as SB 1383 and AB 827 was also briefly discussed. SB 1383 establishes targets to achieve a 50 percent reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75 percent reduction by 2025. Under AB 827, effective July 1, 2020, Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR) and MORE covered businesses must provide organics and recycling containers for customers to collect waste generated from products purchased and consumed on the premises.

3-C. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER FORUM 2020

The 2020 San Gabriel Valley Water Forum is scheduled for April 16, 2020 at the Hilton San Gabriel Hotel. Chair Wong mentioned that he has one free ticket available for other Commissioners or the public to attend.

4. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Fong mentioned that he will resign as Environmental Commissioner at the end of this month.

Principal Management Analyst Tam distributed flyer for the free compost event that will be hosted at the Garvey Ranch Park (service road off Alhambra Ave.) on March 21, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Principal Management Analyst Tam distributed flyer for the Spring Cleaning Day event that will be hosted at the Barnes Park Service Club House Parking Lot on April 18, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.



Bonnie Tam
Staff Liaison to the Environmental Commission
City of Monterey Park